

Abstract

A ratchet screwdriver having a base assembly including a handle and an insert, and having a cap rotatable on the base assembly, and there is pawl mechanism which is controlled by the cap. There is an intervening member in the form of a detent to serve as a stop for restricting the axial movement of the cap relative to the base assembly, so the cap cannot be removed from the base assembly until the detent is released. The detent, or other parts of the screwdriver, can serve as a rotation stop for the cap which has selective positions for setting the ratcheting position of the screwdriver.